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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Mr. Donovan's Visit

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1. I understand from the newspapers that Mr. Donovan has been appointed to a position in NSA in connection with economic warfare, and from [redacted] that Donovan will be visiting DD/I at 4:30 today, possibly in respect of the role of intelligence with regard to economic warfare.

2. I thought it might be helpful to call to your attention the status of matters with respect to covert collection of intelligence information on this subject and in particular the role of the IPC.

3. a. The strategic targets as outlined by the IPC are in accord with the intelligence objectives as approved by the IAC and issued in DCID 4/2. These objectives are in priority arrangement and are directed first toward satisfying intelligence needs to provide adequate warning in the event of imminent hostilities and the intentions and capabilities of the enemy to attack.

b. While it is believed from discussions I have conducted with FI and some which ORR has conducted with FI directly on this question that there may be some minor improvements in the ability of FI to collect on economic warfare matters. It is believed that material improvement can only come about by a change in DCID 4/2 in which economic warfare would appear in much higher priority. This would require agreement of the IAC. It may be, though I am inclined to doubt it, that circumstances have changed sufficiently to make it advisable to actually make such a change in DCID 4/2. If it is considered advisable DD/I might direct OIC to institute discussions within the Agency and among the representatives of the other agencies looking toward the revision of DCID 4/2 for submission to the IAC.

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